

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5051–S5140

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3501–3510, S.J. Res. 33, and S. Res. 560. **Page S5112**

Measures Passed:

Proposed Constitution of the United States Virgin Islands: Senate passed S.J. Res. 33, to provide for the reconsideration and revision of the proposed constitution of the United States Virgin Islands to correct provisions inconsistent with the Constitution and Federal law. **Pages S5138–40**

House Messages:

American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act: Senate continued consideration of the amendment of the House of Representatives to the amendment of the Senate to H.R. 4213, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend certain expiring provisions, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S5054–65, S5071–98**

Withdrawn:

Thune/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4376 (to Amendment No. 4369), in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S5055–65**

Pending:

Baucus motion to concur in the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5054**

Coburn Amendment No. 4331 (to Amendment No. 4369), to pay for the cost of this act by reducing wasteful, inefficient, excessive and duplicative government spending. **Pages S5076–77**

Casey/Brown (OH) Amendment No. 4371 (to Amendment No. 4369), to provide for the extension of premium assistance for COBRA benefits. **Pages S5077–82**

LeMieux Amendment No. 4300 (to Amendment No. 4369), to establish an expedited procedure for consideration of a bill returning spending levels to 2007 levels. **Pages S5082–84**

DeMint motion to refer the House Message to accompany H.R. 4213, to the Committee on Finance with instructions. **Pages S5084–96**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action: By 41 yeas to 57 nays (Vote No. 193), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to waive pursuant to section 904 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 and section 4(g)(3) of the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go Act of 2010, all applicable provisions of those Acts and applicable budget resolutions, with respect to Thune/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4376 (to Amendment No. 4369), in the nature of a substitute. Subsequently, the Chair sustained a point of order against section 701 of Thune/McConnell Modified Amendment No. 4376 (to Amendment No. 4369) as being in violation of section 403 of S. Con. Res. 13, the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2010, and the amendment was withdrawn. (A unanimous-consent agreement was reached on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, providing that the waiver, having failed, the amendment be withdrawn). **Pages S5064–65**

By 56 yeas to 40 nays (Vote No. 194), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to concur in the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the bill, with Baucus Amendment No. 4369 (to the amendment of the House to the amendment of the Senate to the bill), in the nature of a substitute. **Page S5096**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the next 4 amendments in order to the Baucus motion to concur with an amendment be the following and that they be subject to a 60 vote threshold, and that if the amendment achieves 60 votes it be agreed; and if the amendment does not achieve 60 votes, it be withdrawn; provided that there be 2 minutes of debate equally divided in the usual form prior to each vote, and that after the first vote, succeeding votes be limited to 10 minutes; provided further, that no intervening amendments be in order during the consideration of these amendments: Casey Amendment No. 4371, Coburn

Amendment No. 4331, Whitehouse Modified Amendment No. 4324, and LeMieux Amendment No. 4300. **Page S5076**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13159 of June 21, 2000, with respect to the risk of nuclear proliferation created by the accumulation of weapons-usable fissile material in the territory of the Russian Federation; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-63) **Page S5111**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James Emanuel Boasberg, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Amy Berman Jackson, of the District of Columbia, to be United States District Judge for the District of Columbia.

Sue E. Myerscough, of Illinois, to be United States District Judge for the Central District of Illinois.

James Thomas Fowler, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

Craig Ellis Thayer, of Washington, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Washington for the term of four years. **Page S5140**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—194) **Page S5065, S5096**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 8:38 p.m., until 9:45 a.m. on Friday, June 18, 2010. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S5140.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

RURAL ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM ACT

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Energy, Science and Technology concluded a hearing to examine S. 3102, to amend the miscellaneous rural development provisions of the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to make loans to certain entities that will use the funds to make loans to consumers to implement energy efficiency measures involving structural improvements and investments in cost-effective, commercial off-the-shelf technologies to reduce home energy use, after receiving testimony from Senator Merkley; Nivin Elgohary, Acting Assistant Administrator, Rural Utilities Service, Electric Program, Department of Agriculture; Kent Singer, Colorado Rural Electric Association, Denver; and William C. Hanesworth, Rheem Manufacturing Company, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

NEW START TREATY

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine treaty between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Measures for the Further Reduction and Limitation of Strategic Offensive Arms, signed in Prague on April 8, 2010, with Protocol (Treaty Doc.111-05), and the implications for national security programs, after receiving testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary of State; Robert M. Gates, Secretary, and Admiral Michael G. Mullen, USN, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, both of the Department of Defense; and Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy.

AIRLINE INDUSTRY CONSOLIDATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the financial state of the airline industry and the implications of consolidation, after receiving testimony from Susan L. Kurland, Assistant Secretary of Transportation for Aviation and International Affairs; Glenn F. Tilton, UAL Corp., and Daniel McKenzie, Hudson Securities, both of Chicago, Illinois; Jeffery Smisek, Continental Airlines, Inc., Houston, Texas; Robert Roach, Jr., International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers, Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and Charles Leocha, Consumer Travel Alliance, Springfield, Virginia.